on the application of the ambit of Contract Labour Act and its fulfillment in letter and spirit in ONGC, after the fire at Bombay High ONGC Platform;

(b) if so, the outline of the study report; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) ONGC follows Govt. of India Rules, Regulations as enacted from time to time in letter and spirit.

No study by ONGC has been undertaken on the Contract Labour Act.

(b) In view of above, does not arise.

(c) As on date, the question of applicability of the said Act in off-shore operations in Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) *i.e* beyond the Territorial Waters of India, is sub-judice before the Hon'ble High Court of Bombay.

Allotment of CoCo Dealership

4266. SHRI HARISH RAWAT: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government is aware that Oil Corporation specially Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) is still allotting its permanent Company Owned Company Operated (CoCo) dealership on ad-hoc basis to its existing dealers in violation of Multiple Dealership norms and guidelines issued vide Policy Circular dated 6 September, 2006;

(b) if so, the details of each CoCo awarded on ad-hoc dealership basis after 6 September, 2006 location-wise, Division Office-wise etc.;

(c) the action taken/proposed to be taken against the officials responsible for such violations; and

(d) the corrective action proposed to be taken to ensure the strict compliance of policy guidelines dated 6 September, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) The Ministry of Petroleum & Natural Gas vide letter dated 6.9.2006 had issued broad guideline on operation of Company-Owned-Company-Operated (COCO) outlets based on which the public sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs), *viz.* Indian Oil Corporation Limited (IOC), Hindustan Petroleum Corporation Limited (HPC) and Bharat Petroleum Corporation Limited (BPC) were advised to frame their own detailed guidelines. These guidelines also provide the broad parameters for operating permanent COCO by OMCs. OMCs are in the process of framing uniform guidelines on the basis of Ministry's broad guidelines with regard to appointment of labour contractors at permanent COCOs. In the intervening period, OMCs are operating their permanent COCOs either with labour contractors or on ad hoc basis as per their existing guidelines. The details of the locations of permanent COCOs are available with the Director (Marketing) of concerned OMCs.